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(b) There is unemployment in the category of ratings, although the exact number is not readily available.

(c) To increase availability of qualified Indian officers, the Government is also considering measures to enhance training facilities.

Bolangir-Khurda NH in Orissa

380. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds that have been allocated so far to Bolangir-Khurda *via* Sonepur, Boudh Nayagarh National Highways project of Orissa;

(b) the amount of funds that have been utilized so far;

(c) the reasons for delay in completing the said project; and

(d) the time limit under which the said project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Bolangir-Khurda *via* Sonepur, Boudh Nayagarh is a National Highway 224, Development and Maintenance funds for National Highways are allocated State-wise and not National Highway-wise.

(b) Since entrustment of this National Highway 224 to Orissa Public Works Department in January, 2005, an amount of Rs. 1.78 crore have been utilized for development and Rs. 5.28 crore for maintenance.

(c) and (d) There is no delay and the works are in progress.

Construction on NH-28, NH-57 and NH-31

†381. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 13 kms. stretch of road has been constructed out of total 513 kms. stretch under NH-28, NH-57 and NH-31 - under East-West Corridor in Bihar under National Highways Development Project;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.